GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5316
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SUPPLY OF INFERIOR QUALITY OF COAL BY MCL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) hasmade a complaint that the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL)has been supplying inferior quality of coal to its Super Thermal Power Plant at Talcher (Orissa);

(b) if so, whether the NTPC has deductedcertain amount from the bills of MCL as the inferior quality of coalhas damaged the machineries of the said plant;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether other power plants in Orissa are also getting said coal from MCL;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to get the issue investigated by an independent agency, other than Coal India Limited; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): Coal India Limited has reported that no such complaint has been received by it.

(b)&(c): No, Sir. The payment is being made on the basis of the quality as per analysis/results of joint sampling.

(d): Other power plants in Orissa are being supplied similar type of coal by MCL, that is, grade 'F'.

(e)&(f): Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.